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## Student Forum Prompts Interest in Current Issues

Shaker students and faculty possessing an interest in current issues can now attend meetings of the Contemporary Forum. The organization, initiated this year, was organized by faculty sponsor Jerry Graham and seniors David Cohen and Mike Horvitz. Commenting on the purpose of the Forum, Mike stated that the organization exists to "promote intellectual stimulation on contemporary issues."

OPERATING UNDER a purely flexible charter, the Contemporary Forum will function as a type of seminar rather than a club. It has no fixed membership, no dues, and no definite

meeting day or format, and will schedule forums as speakers and topics are available. Faculty sponsor Mr. Graham stated that the topics would be chosen by student interest. Although the upcoming meetings are currently in the planning stages, among proposed topics are students' rights, narcotics, the Vietnamese conflict, and the controversial Liberty Amendment.

In keeping with the Forum's emphasis on contemporary issues of a controversial nature, the club hosted a Lutheran minister from the Draft Counseling Association at its first meeting last Thursday. Students and faculty members who attended heard the clergyman speak on alternatives to active service for conscientious objectors.

THE KEY idea of the organization, according to Mr. Graham, is to discuss many sides of issues of interest to students. To achieve this goal, meetings may be held in pairs with one session devoted to hearing and questioning a speaker and the next meeting completely devoted to discussion



Rev. Ray Miklethun, Contemporary Forum's first guest speaker, sets the controversial mood of the organization with a highly stimulating discussion of alternatives to the draft.

## Shaker Hosts Ohio AFS'ers

The coming month brings good news to AFS'ers and Shakerites interested in meeting new foreign students.

ON FEBRUARY 2, AFS Visitation Day, Shaker will welcome a Norwegian girl now in Painesville, a boy from Uruguay who is residing in Geneva, and a girl from Ecuador who is living in Oberlin. Rosemary Lovshin, Joe Stern, and Nancy Hoffman will host these students for that weekend. Also acting as hosts will be a number of seniors who will each take an AFS student to one of his classes to give him the opportunity to meet as many Shakerites as possible.

This is the first visitation day to be observed throughout Ohio. In previous years, schools have exchanged students on different days, allowing them to miss as many as fifteen to twenty days of their original American school. Shaker Heights introduced the one-day exchange idea, and since the first of the year, all Ohio has adopted the AFS Visitation Day.

The Shakerite, on behalf of the student body, extends its deepest condolences to the family of Stuart Wagner. His tragic death was a loss to every student and teacher of Shaker Heights High School.

Searching for an objective outlook on student problems, the ACT committee, (Active Concern Together) feels that time and discussion are its strongest allies. The committee has a general perspective of school problems after two meetings, and chairman David Cohen hopes to put its useful suggestions into effect.

GREATER STUDENT representation is hoped for from the committee, designed to solve all-school problems such as discipline and atmosphere. Open meetings are held as the committee works to define school problems.

Members feel school assemblies seem to be one way of reaching all the students, as does expansion of the dialogue programs run by the Youth Council on Human Relations.

"THE BASIC problem," believes President Bruce Johnson, "is the student who doesn't consider himself a part of the school, who has little pride in the school and little concern for others."

The committee has found that the school is not reaching these students either in educational programs or extra-curricular

activities. Joe Stern's curriculum committee is reporting on the level systems, while the Student Council is encouraging more diversification in the club program. However, one member said that "Action on matters such as discipline must be taken by independent groups of students, although other solutions can be found in such groups as a student grievance committee."

### Editorial

## Study Week Should Precede Next Semester Examinations

The week preceding semester and final exams at Shaker is often a conglomeration of term papers, final tests, and pre-exam review. A similar situation exists in high schools and colleges throughout the country. Several of these institutions have taken realistic steps to remedy the situation. The most widely known solution is the "reading week," and a modified program of this nature might increase the chance of semester and final exams being a more fruitful experience.

IN A PROGRAM recently instituted in some private schools in the area, the week preceding exams is set aside for review. Formal classes are abandoned, and review seminars are held with the teachers. A modified version of the "reading week" concept does not seem out of the question at Shaker. There is presently a rule in the Student Handbook clearly stating there are to be no announced tests during the week before exams. The rule is often circumvented, however, by giving several "surprise" quizzes and lengthy homework assignments. With some exams beginning on the last day of the week, the burden can become intolerable especially for the conscientious student.

In the new program, classes would still be held, but teachers could occupy the four days with only review work. Homework assignments would be limited to reviewing texts, and teachers could review previous exams and stress the overall picture of the subject under study. Since final exams are usually averaged in as one-quarter of the student's semester grade, he should have the benefit of actual school time to prepare for these often rigorous tests.

IT IS TOO late to apply this plan of action to the semester exams starting today. The Shakerite believes it is worth a trial in this year's June exams, and urges the administration to take the initiative in making final exams a more worthwhile experience for students and faculty alike.

## Unusual Cleveland Gallery Presents Works of Area Painters, Sculptors

The plight of Gallery 1-2, a small art gallery located on West Third Street, just off Superior, gives an indication of Cleveland's poor reception for the less-than-professional artist; financial difficulties are forcing this gallery to end its existence at the close of this month.

GALLERY 1-2, one of downtown Cleveland's three small galleries, displays the work of various local artists, involving such media as pottery and ceramic sculpture, prints, drawings, paintings, and photographs. Merchandise also includes a variety of posters and two- and three-dimensional collages.

The artists do not limit themselves to conventional materials. They produce unusual effects using such items as toys and lights in their creations.

The gallery was created in 1965 as Cleveland's only cooperative art gallery for the purpose of displaying the art work of the 12 members, all of whom were



Diversified graphics abound in Gallery 1-2, Cleveland's showplace of original art.

only part-time artists. Circumstances have caused frequent adjustments in the organization, and now this gallery is managed by Martin Szutter (the only art-

ist remaining from the original 12), Sandy Diamond, and Rolf Velmin.

TODAY GALLERY 1-2 presents the work of both member and outside artists; although displays are numerous, varied, and changing, Cleveland's browsers simply don't offer Gallery 1-2 sufficient financial support to allow the owners to continue maintenance of this part-time business. Despite frequent openings to which many prominent citizens are invited the enterprise fails to be lucrative.

Gallery 1-2 has no investors, so its owners must depend completely on individual sales to meet the expenses of rent and lighting. Operating literally on a weekly sale-by-sale existence, this gallery cannot survive in competition with the large art shows—such as those at Mount Sinai Hospital, The Jewish Community Center, and Shaker Square—which annually dominate Cleveland's art calendar.

## Shaker Awaits Lab Expansion

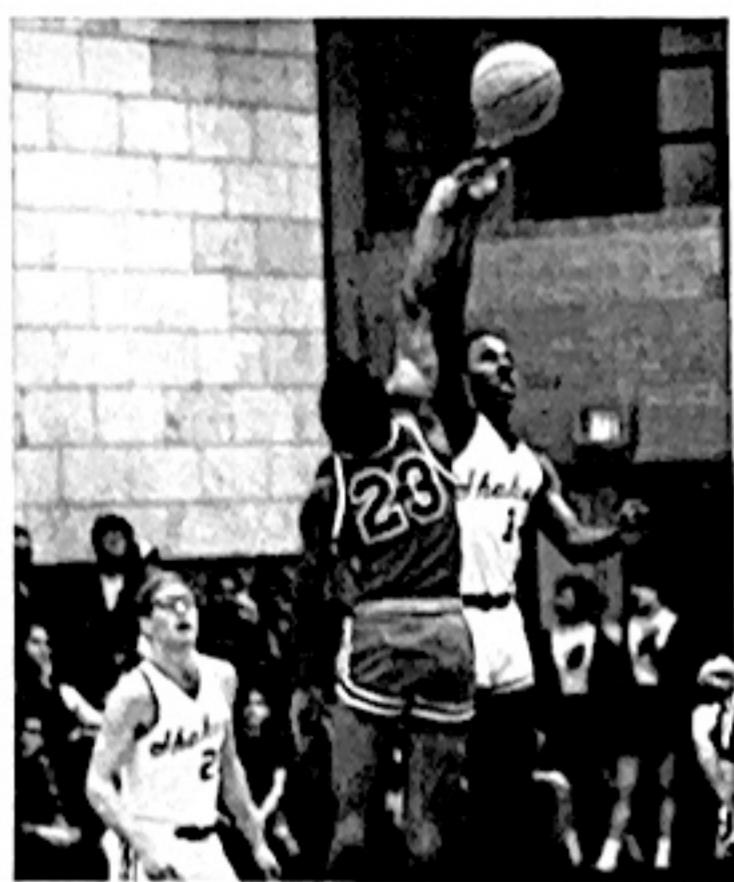
"We hope to expand our science offerings to keep pace with the innovations of science that can be offered at the high school level."

THESE ARE the aspirations of Stanley E. Melick, head of the Science Department. If, on the May 7 ballot, Shaker residents approve a \$4,500,000 bond issue, the High School will have a new science wing.

Although plans are not yet complete, the new, 10-classroom science wing would allow for a more diverse program of studies as well as expanded physical science courses. Mr. Melick explained, "A flexible room arrangement would allow us numerous modifications through the years as our science program expands." The space now used for science facilities would be used to expand the art department and library facilities.

WOODBURY JUNIOR High would receive an indoor swimming pool. Both Byron and Woodbury would receive expanded science facilities. All schools in Shaker are scheduled for renovation or expansion.

If Shaker residents uphold a community tradition of over 40 years by passing this school bond issue, all aspirations will be fulfilled.



Al Jackson outjumps Shaw player as Peter Simon waits.

## Hoopsters Drop Three Straight

Shaker's injury-weakened basketball team made easy prey for hungry Euclid, Shaw and Heights in Shaker's first LEL action of the new year. The Heinlenmen were completely outplayed in their losses to Euclid, 111-38, Shaw, 76-43, and Heights, 86-44.

SHAKER first stringers Milan Tiff, Chip Carstensen, Henry Freeman, Rick Brown, and Alvin Polk are out for the remainder of the season. Perhaps the greatest blow to the team is the loss of Tiff, the district's top scorer, who set a Shaker court record with his 41-point scoring binge.

Coach Heinlen emphasized that there is no lack of effort on the players' part, and stated, "We are trying to play above our heads now."

THESE SETBACKS leave Shaker with a 2-7 midseason record in the league. Coach Heinlen urged Shaker to back its team. "If ever a group of kids needed encouragement, these kids need it now," he said. The next game is tonight at Valley Forge.

# Tigers, Cards Dunk Starkers; Kirschenbaum Undefeated

The Shaker wrestling and swimming teams battled Shaw and Heights on January 12 and 13. Although the opposing swimmers dealt the Red and White twin dunkings, the Shaker grapplers managed a 21-16 victory over Shaw to break even for the week.

THE SHAW wrestling match was a thriller. Both teams found themselves deadlocked 16-16 entering the final match. Raider heavyweight George Freeman flattened his foe with a clutch pin to capture the Shaker victory. Bob Gross, Kent Schneider, Rob Strauss, and Bob Kirschenbaum contributed decisions and Jay Davis and Tom Frankel tied. However, the Tigers clawed the matmen the following night, 28-11, when only Lester Brooks and Schneider decisioned their opponents. Kirschenbaum continued his sparkling season by garner-

ing a pin and extending his unbeaten record to 8-0. The squad's LEL record stands at 1-4.

The Cardinals and Tigers, both LEL swim contenders, splashed to victories at Shaker's



Swim Captain Dick Haas primes for upcoming independent meet with Warren.

## Unreal Horrors Dominate Suspenseful Gothic Novel

by Julie Berger

"I wish you two would look for a good house instead of the Bramford," their friend Hutch had said. Anywhere but the Bramford, which in its time had housed such notables as the Trench sisters, who ate children, and Adrian Marcato, the most infamous warlock of his day. These were only a few of the very odd individuals who had inhabited the Bramford and left their mark. Over the years the house had gained a veneer of respectability, yet an air of menace remained, and the suicide of a young neighbor soon after Rosemary and Guy Woodhouse moved in indicated that the Bramford's day was not yet over.

IT IS IN this Gothic setting

that author Ira Levin creates a drama of unequalled suspense, his low-key matter-of-factness contrasting sharply with the supernatural horror of *Rosemary's Baby*. The story begins calmly enough, with Rosemary planning happily for the baby she will some day have, and Guy pursuing his acting career. They become acquainted with their fellow-tenants, and all seems to go well. Then comes the suicide, and in the following months Rosemary begins to perceive fearfully that something is very wrong. A chain of odd incidents culminating in the curious death of Hutch convinces her, and even her long-awaited pregnancy cannot subdue her fears.

The resolution of this mystery is rendered so petrifyingly believeable that few will be able to read it without shuddering.

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Shaker graduate Rich Stotter displays the form that made him an All-American guard.

## Shaker Graduate Stotter Leads Collegiate Guards

Back in 1963, Rich Stotter was just another high school football player. Today, he is rated the nation's top collegiate offensive guard.

RICH transferred to Shaker in his senior year, and led the team in tackles that season. But not too many colleges were willing to give him a scholarship. The University of Houston agreed to give him one if he proved himself in his freshman year, and they never regretted the decision. Rich became a regular in his first varsity game, and led the Cougars for three years.

He reached the peak of stardom during the past season, and was named to almost every All-American team, including the Associated Press, United Press International, and Coaches' teams. He played in the North-South Game, and will compete in the Coaches' All-American Game this summer.

RICH, a solid 6-foot, 230-pounder, considers it a "great honor" to be an All-American. "I got a little quicker and a little stronger," he said when asked about the tremendous improvement between high school and college.

Rich would like to play professional football, and feels he is good enough. Several teams have expressed an interest in him, including San Diego of the American Football League.

HE IS an all-around sportsman, enjoying hunting and scuba diving when he isn't knocking opposing players off their feet.

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